

I am writing to urge that you reject the NAB petition to prevent satellite radio services from broadcasting local information, such as traffic and weather. The NAB claims that these reports would unfairly compete with local terrestrial radio stations, when in fact many local stations do not currently broadcast such information, or if they do, they only do so during limited hours, and often not at all on nights or weekends.

I feel it is in the public interest to make this kind of information available from as many sources as possible. Eliminating this information from satellite radio would only deny the public a source of this information.

If this petition were to be accepted, then there should also be a requirement that all local stations be required to provide local news, traffic and weather information at regular intervals 24 hours a day, everyday.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.